IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

IRINA STAICU, D.O.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, IRINA STAICU, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 28760, issued April 14, 2021, and said license number expires on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as "Board," certain allegations related to Licensee's conduct;

WHEREAS, in attempting to register with the Mississippi State Department of Health to become a certifying practitioner for Medical Cannabis, Licensee provided inaccurate physical address information on her application, in violation of applicable administrative codes;

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges providing inaccurate physical address information on her Medical Cannabis Licensee application;

WHEREAS, the allegations, if established before the Board, constitute violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsection (8)(d) of 73-25-29, and § 73-25-83 (a) of Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended, for which the Board may revoke

the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by her joinder herein, does hereby **REPRIMAND** Licensee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

Licensee shall attend and successfully complete a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course in the area of Medical Ethics. The CME course required herein shall be obtained by attending a course in the subject noted above as provided by Board-approved providers. Licensee will be required to be physically present at the CME provider's designated facility while taking the CME course(s) unless the course(s) should be taken on-line, or by equivalent means. Licensee shall submit proof of her successful completion to the Board. Licensee shall register for, and attend, said course within the next six (6) months. If additional time is needed for attendance, Licensee shall submit a written request for an extension, to be approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Board. All costs relating to CME requirements of this paragraph are borne by Licensee. This is in addition to the forty (40) hours of CME requirements as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules

and Regulations. Completion of the following course satisfies the requirements set out in this paragraph of the Consent:

Medical Ethics and Professionalism (ME-15). More information on this course can be found at: https://pbieducation.com/courses/me-15/

- 2. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine.
- 3. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. Licensee has been advised of the total assessment by separate written notification in the amount of \$300.00 and Licensee shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address. Other than the \$300.00 assessment, no other assessments, fees, fines, costs, or expenses are due or owing in connection with this Matter.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall

not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, formal charges will be brought, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee's violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, insurance company, insurance panel, healthcare network, agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing her right to notice of charges specified against her, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of her choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **IRINA STAICU**, **D.O.**, nevertheless, hereby waives her right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order

accepting this Consent Order, thereby **REPRIMANDING** her medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

Executed, this the 13 day of January, 2023.

Arina Staicu, DO IRINA STAICU, D.O.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 19th day of January 2023, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

WILLYAM D. MCCLENDON, M.D.

Board President